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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Terry P. Snutch, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/030,482

Filing Date: 25 February 1998

For: NOVEL HUMAN CALCIUM
CHANNELS AND RELATED PROBES,
CELL LINES AND METHODS

Examiner: Nirmal S. Basi

Group Art Unit: 1646

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --
EXAMINING GROUP 1646

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to a Final Office Action herein mailed 17 January 2001, time for response to which was set to expire 17 April 2001. A petition for an extension of time of two (2) months until 17 June 2001 is attached hereto along with the required fee. The pending claims, claims 16-33 were rejected and the rejection was made final. Applicants appreciate the consideration extended one of the inventors herein and the undersigned representative in the course of an interview on 8 March 2001. The discussion of the presently proposed guidelines on utility and written description as well as the helpful suggestions made by the Office are greatly appreciated. It is believed that the following amendment and discussion place the claims in a position for allowance consistent with the guidelines and with the suggestions made by Examiners Eyler and Basi. Reconsideration in light of the following is therefore respectfully requested.